

Democratic Innovations: An effective solution to the crisis of electoral democracy?

Public and scientific conference
Université de Genève, 26-28 September 2024

**Jeudi
26 sept.**

*En collaboration avec l'Institut
d'études de la citoyenneté (InCite)*

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18:30

Conférence publique

***Les assemblées citoyennes au
secours de la démocratie ?***

Loïc Blondiaux (Paris Panthéon-
Sorbonne)

19:15

Table ronde

Loïc Blondiaux

Martine Brunschwig Graf (ancienne
conseillère d'Etat, canton de Genève,
ancienne conseillère nationale)

Lisa Mazzone (ancienne conseillère
aux Etats et présidente des Vert.e.s
suisses)

Sylvie Nicoud (membre d'Extinction
Rebellion Suisse)

Modération : **Nenad Stojanović**
(UNIGE)

Scientific Conference

**Friday
27 Sept.**

Uni-Dufour U408

9:00 *Arrival of participants*

9:15 Welcome / goals of the conference

Nenad Stojanović (UNIGE)

9:30 **Innovations of democracy: top-down vs citizen-driven**

Brigitte Geissel (Frankfurt)
Discussant: **Andri Heimann** (ZDA/Zurich)

10:45 **Five ideas for future research**
(max 5-7' per idea)

Elisabeth Alber (EURAC Bolzano)
André Bächtiger (Stuttgart)
Victor Sanchez-Mazas (UNIGE)
Paolo Spada (Southampton)
Pierre-Etienne Vandamme (Leuven)

12:00 *Break*

13:00 Round table:
Is democracy really in crisis?

Emanuela Ceva (UNIGE)
Yannis Papadopoulos (Lausanne)
Pascal Sciarini (UNIGE)
Moderation: **Daniel Kübler** (ZDA/Zurich)

14:15 *Break*

14:45 **Poster session**

Posters by
Helena Drescher Kluth (Copenhagen)
Kate Long (York)
Elena Reinhart (UNIGE)
Ulrikka Skovdal (Copenhagen)
Jelle Turkenburg (Twente)

16:00 *Break*

16:15 **Beyond the civic boost: A research agenda for exploring how the CIR could transform voters and their political environment**

John Gastil (Penn State)
Discussant:
Alexander Geisler (St. Gallen)

17:30 Wrap-up

Nenad Stojanović (UNIGE)

**Saturday
28 Sept.**

Uni-Mail MR150

9:15 *Arrival of participants*

9:30 ***Towards a deliberative and
participatory system: But what
kind of a system?***

Yves Sintomer (Paris 8)
Discussant:
Victor Sanchez-Mazas (UNIGE)

10:45 **Four ideas for future research**
(max 5-7' per idea)

Giovanni Allegretti (Coimbra)
Rikki Dean (Southampton/Frankfurt)
Simon Niemeyer (Canberra)
Francesco Veri (ZDA/Zurich/UNIGE)
Hannah Werner (ZDA/Zurich)

11:45 *Break*

12:00 **Deliberative workshop**
(lessons learned; future research
projects)

Moderation:
Victor Sanchez-Mazas (UNIGE)

13:15 End of the conference

This conference marks the conclusion of the Swiss National Science Foundation SNSF “prof. boursier” project of Nenad Stojanović “A non-populist theory of direct democracy / Gender and immigrant-origin minorities in deliberative mini-publics” (2018-2022-2024). At the same time, it inaugurates the new **Pôle de recherche inter-universitaire UNIGE-UZH en innovations démocratiques / The Zurich-Geneva Network on Democratic Innovations** which Professor Stojanović will coordinate from October 2024 on behalf of the Universities of Geneva UNIGE and Zurich UZH, as Associate Professor UNIGE and Deputy director of the Department of General Democracy Research at the Centre for Democracy Studies Aarau ZDA / UZH.

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